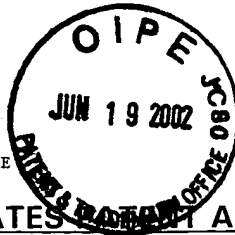


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In re the Application or Patent of:

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Serial or Patent No: 10/057,750

Issued or Filed: January 24, 2002

For: QUIET CENTRAL VACUUM POWER UNIT

VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

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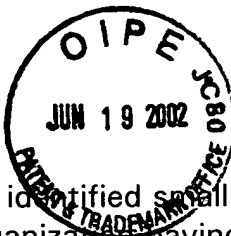
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I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled QUIET CENTRAL VACUUM POWER UNIT, by inventor(s) described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith
☒ application Serial No. 10/057,750, filed January 24, 2002

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AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
Original Application**

As a below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 1 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the invention entitled:

QUIET CENTRAL VACUUM POWER UNIT

which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification or ☒ the specification in application Serial No. 10/057,750, filed January 24, 2002

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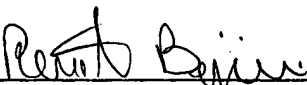


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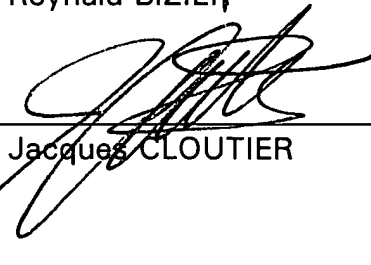


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